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# German Offensive in the Aisne Sector

One Attack Is Being Made to the Southwest of Ypres, the Other in the Aisne Sector

## ENEMY CAPTURES CHEMIN DES DAMES RIDGE

On the Aisne Front, North of Soissons, the German Crown Prince's Troops Are Being Hurled Forward in an Effort to Break the Allied Line—The Fact That British Troops Are Fighting Along the Aisne Indicates That the Allied Supreme Command Was Forewarned of the New German Attack—In Flanders the Germans Have Gained Virtually Nothing—It Is Probable That American Troops Are Engaged in the Fighting in Both Battles on the French Front—Simultaneous With the New German Assault the Italians Have Launched a Blow at the Austrian Line in the Mountains Northwest of Lake Garda and Have Made a Notable Advance.

Germany's great offensive on the western front has been resumed. With only brief intervals of lull, two blows have been struck by the Teuton armies, which have been reorganized since disastrous losses were suffered on the French and British fronts in March and April. One attack was on the line from Ypres to the north, south of Ypres, the other on a thirty-five mile front from Ploeghe, north of Soissons, to Rheims. This is known as the Aisne sector.

In Flanders the Germans have gained virtually nothing, but further south the Berlin official statement claims the German crown prince's troops have carried the whole ridge of the Chemin des Dames and are now fighting on the Aisne river.

The German attack in Flanders is against positions taken by the French on May 26, when they recaptured Brulon and Loos and strengthened their line on each side of Hill 44, which they had captured a few days before.

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## Cuba Has Denied Rupture With Mexico

STATE DEPARTMENT INFORMS CUBAN DIPLOMATS

### Circular Cablegram

Cuban Minister in Washington Declares the Recall of the Mexican Charge Does Not Imply a Severance of Relations.

### President Before Joint Session of Congress

Impresses Upon Members It Is Necessary to Proceed With War Tax Laws.

Washington, May 27 (By A. P.).—President Wilson personally took charge of the war tax legislation today and appearing unexpectedly before a joint session of congress, declared it was necessary to proceed immediately with new war tax laws. Plans which might have delayed the work, but which involved a working agreement between both parties, have fallen through, the president told the legislators, and there was no way to meet the problem of financing the war but to have congress remain in session and go ahead at once.

The president called upon congress to eliminate politics from consideration. "Politics," he said, is "adjournment." The principal increases in taxation, the president said, should be on incomes, war profits and luxuries.

It would be manifestly unfair, the president said, to wait until 1919 before determining what the new taxes would be. He declared the approach comparatively brief, taking less than 15 minutes for delivery.

In specific terms the president gave a distinct warning against lobbying in connection with the new bill. There is indisputable evidence of profiteering at present, the president said, and he declared the new bill, "Profiteering that cannot be got at by restricting the cost of production," said the president, "can be got at by taxation."

When he had concluded his address the president made a brief extemporaneous statement, in which he said that just as he was leaving the White House for the capitol he had heard that the new German drive apparently had just begun and that it added to the solemnity of his conception of the country's duty.

There need be no hesitancy in taxing the country, the president told congress, if it were taxed justly. He appeared to be satisfied at the great task without selfishness or fear of political consequences.

"An intense and pitiless light beats upon every man and every woman in the tragic part of war that is now upon the state," said the president. The president concluded with an appeal to congress to do its work ungrudgingly, and said he could not guarantee a proper administration of the law, but he would do his best.

After the president's address, the senate passed a bill to amend the act of March 3, 1917, relating to the collection of duties on imports.

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### Atlantic Division's

Later Reports It Is Expected Will Swell the Final Total.

Washington, May 27.—The American people answered Germany's renewal of the offensive on the western front today with an outpouring of more than thirty-two million dollars, swelling the American Red Cross second war fund to \$144,000,000. Reports still were coming in at midnight, and the final total of the drive which ended today will not be shown until tomorrow.

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## Condensed Telegrams

Several hundred additional drafted men arrived at Camp Devens yesterday.

Four men were killed at Windsor, Ontario, by denatured alcohol in beer.

Forteen houses and a large novelty factory were destroyed by fire at Sidney, N. Y.

The British Food Ministry installed a potato-slicing and drying machine at Nottingham.

Health Commissioner Copeland ordered a rigid investigation in the milk supply in New York.

The result of the enrollment of women voters for the primaries in New York City total 390,000.

The presence of three derelicts off the Virginia coast was reported to the navy department today.

German U-boats have sunk 78 Spanish merchantmen since the beginning of the ruthless campaign.

Secretary Baker authorized Surgeon-General Gorgas to establish an army school of nursing for women.

The Finnish Government resigned as the result of the appointment of Zvinhafud as temporary dictator.

Fifteen persons were injured when a street car run away in the Mount Washington tunnel at Pittsburgh.

The British and Foreign Bible Society has sent out more than 49,000,000 Bibles since the start of the war.

Cadet Moultrie C. Trowbridge, of New York, was killed when his airplane dropped 3,000 feet at Kelly Field, Texas.

Governor McCall, in a message to the Massachusetts legislature Monday, urged legislation to increase the state revenue.

Four American Army Officers and twenty-six enlisted men were known to be prisoners in Germany.

Hugh J. Reynolds of New Haven, a liquor dealer, whose store for 30 years or more was a student resort died in his 80th year.

Anna Held, the noted actress, is swiftly approaching her death. It was announced by Dr. Donald McCaskey, her physician.

A German submarine of the cruiser type was sunk in the Atlantic east of St. Vincent by a British Atlantic escort submarine.

President Wilson's message to Italy was read by Hamilton Holt at Rome before a meeting of diplomatic and cabinet ministers.

The death of Elbert Stone of New York today increased to fifty-five the number of American victims in the Molavia disaster.

A naval patrol of the Alaskan coast has been established to forestall and detect any possible foreign incursions.

Lieutenant Kiss, reported to be the leading Austrian aviator, has been killed in an aerial battle, according to a despatch from Berne.

According to a cablegram by C. R. Richard & Co. bankers, of New York, the banks in Petrograd are expected to reopen within a few days.

Fourteen hundred delegates, representing the various nations, are gathered at the convention of the Independent Order of British Abraham in New York.

An official notice was issued to Britons 47 and 48 years old to be ready to report for physical examination as calling up notice may be expected.

Leslie Hester and Percival Tucker, petty officers at the naval base at Norfolk, Va., were killed in a train crash. Several others were injured.

The entire stern of an Austrian submarine captured by the Italian Navy will be exhibited at Madison Square Garden New York by the Italian Government.

Thomas O. Barry of Boston, pleaded guilty in superior court Monday to a charge of larceny of \$27,000 from the Commercial Credit Company of Baltimore.

The large Greenhut Store, occupying 23 acres of flooring space at 18th street and Sixth avenue, New York, will be used by the army as a hospital for soldiers.

## PASSENGER AND FREIGHT RATE INCREASES

Announced By Secretary McAdoo To Meet the Higher Cost of Operating Railroads

Three Cents a Mile Passenger Rates

Freight Rates 25 Per Cent Increase—Provision Is Made For the Redemption of Tickets and Mileage Books Purchased Before June 10 and Rendered Invalid After That Date

Commutation Tickets Are to Be Raised 10 Per Cent—Soldiers and Sailors When on Furlough May Travel at the Rate of One Cent a Mile, Also Those Persons Going to Grand Army Encampment and the United Confederate Veterans' Reunion.

Washington, May 27.—(By A. P.)—To meet war increases just announced, and higher costs of coal and other supplies this year, Director-General McAdoo today ordered railroad freight rates in the United States raised 25 per cent, and passenger fares increased three cents a mile from the present basis of about two and one-half cents.

It is estimated that the programme will bring between \$800,000,000 and \$900,000,000 more revenues to the railroads within the next year. It represents by far the biggest rate increase in the history of railroads.

The new freight charges, which cover both class and commodity rates, become effective June 15, and the passenger increase will go into effect June 10.

Issued under authority granted by the Railroad Act to President Wilson, acting through the Director-General, the order wipes out all intrastate lower rates effective on either freight or passenger traffic.

Travelers in standard sleeping and parlor cars are required to pay three and one-half cents a mile in addition to Pullman fares, and tourist sleeping cars three and one-quarter cents. Pullman rates remain the same.

Commutation and other suburban rates of railroads will be increased 10 per cent. Fares on electric interurban lines are not affected.

Special excursion mileage, convention and tourist rates, with a few exceptions, are discontinued; privileges such as stop-overs and free side trips are abolished, and excess baggage charges are increased.

Both freight and passenger rates on boat lines operated on the lakes, rivers and coastwise by railroads are to be raised proportionately with the general increases.

Export and import freight rates are ordered increased at the same rate as domestic rates will apply to and from ports.

A number of flat increases, instead of percentage additions, are ordered for coal, coke, lumber, ore, stone, grain, cotton, live stock, meats, sugar, bullion, and other commodities.

Relations between railroads and shippers are to be preserved so far as possible, but many adjustments will have to be made. All rates are subject to review by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Announcing that the rate-increases are required by public interest, Director-General McAdoo referred to the \$300,000,000 or more added to the railroads' operating expenses by an order published today, to the rapidly rising cost of coal, which, he estimated this year alone at \$160,000,000.

He said that the cost of coal, which is estimated this year alone at \$160,000,000, is a factor in the increase of rates. The cost of every other material entering into expenses, he estimated, would be between \$20,000,000 and \$30,000,000 greater this year than the \$2,852,000,000 figure of last year.

No part of the increased rates is on account of the programme of nearly a billion dollars of improvements, additions, and new equipment this year, he explained.

McAdoo's Appeal to People. "It is earnestly hoped," said the director, "that the public will understand the necessity of these increases, and that they will be met by a corresponding increase in the price of goods and services."

The large Greenhut Store, occupying 23 acres of flooring space at 18th street and Sixth avenue, New York, will be used by the army as a hospital for soldiers.

Nicholas H. Treanor, a juror, declared on the witness stand at San Francisco that he was offered \$10,000 to convict Thomas J. Mooney, in the bomb conspiracy.

Heinrich Knappke, a German interned at Fort McPherson, Ga., was shot and killed by a soldier guard when he stepped over the dead line and failed to halt.

Lieutenant G. Lamonte Hammond of Torrington, who is in the French army, has been cited in the French army orders for a cross of war.

Forty thousand pieces of winter clothing belonging to troops stationed at Camp Beauregard, Alexandria, La., were destroyed by fire believed to be of incendiary origin.

Two pounds of wool, clipped from sheep that graze on the White House lawn, was sold at public auction on Boston Common today for \$2,000, for the benefit of the Red Cross.

An Atlantic Port, May 27.—Surviving, without the loss of a man of her crew, a collision 800 miles at sea with the mother ship of a submarine, the United States submarine H-14 arrived here today.

The little vessel came astirly into port equipped with a false wooden bow, hurriedly constructed at a drydock in place of the prow which was torn off in the collision. The H-14, special reporter, will begin his argument to the jury at the opening of court tomorrow morning.

Expert testimony regarding Miss Lusk's sanity occupied most of today's session.

AMERICAN SUBMARINE IN COLLISION 800 MILES AT SEA Was Brought Into Port Without the Loss of a Man.

Finishing the Job. Most commercial can be gotten by sticking persistently to the job and the entire navy appears to have made this apply to the submarine.